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Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the Office Action mailed July 13, 2007 (the "Office Action"), Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments and comments set forth below.